

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 96-01 (Continuation of 95-04)
DATE: January 23, 1996 **TIME: 3:00 p.m.**

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on January 23, 1996 was 1435.16 feet M.S.L.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Local, State, and Federal officials are working on several measures to help reduce flood impacts in 1996. They include: water storage, pumping measures, relocation, floodplain management, National Flood Insurance, citizen awareness, potential protective measures for public property, risk assessment, engineering education for personal property protection, protective measures for the city of Devils Lake, and plans for emergency housing.

Devils Lake Basin Interagency Task Force Chairman, Mike Armstrong, FEMA, Region VIII Director, conducted a conference call meeting of the Task Force Oversight Committee on January 18, 1996. Progress status of all work items identified in the task force report was reviewed.

The ND State Water Commission will add the Stump Lake Watershed to its snow depth reports.

Governor Schafer awarded two grants totaling \$200,000 to relocate two Devils Lake businesses that have been inundated by the flood.

Community Development Block Grant program discretionary funds totaling \$350,000 have been recently designated to be used for Devils Lake flood relief in 1996.

Public Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND (32 counties): There have been 1,843 Damage Survey Reports (DSR's) reviewed and submitted to the Regional Processing Center (RPC) in Denver. The RPC has approved 1,371 DSR's with damage totals of \$7,907,036 for 182 applicants. State and federal shares of this damage have been distributed to the applicants. Fourteen applicants have not received any DSR's.

Disaster Unemployment Assistance, FEMA-1050-DR-ND (32 counties): . No change from previous reports.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: A major winter storm struck North Dakota January 17-19, 1996. Blizzard conditions and heavy snowfall occurred in the eastern one-third of the state. Fargo received 18" and Wahpeton received 20" of snow from this storm. Local responders were tasked with numerous search and rescue operations. Air and ground transportation systems were severely affected. I-94 was closed from Bismarck to Fargo and I-29 was closed throughout North Dakota during the duration of the storm.

Snow depths as of January 22 total 31" at Pembina, 22" at Fargo, and 20" at Wahpeton. Snow depths in the Devils Lake basin vary from 5" to 10" with 1.5" to 2.25" of water content.

The next State Flood Coordination Center Meeting is scheduled for February 1, 1996 in Devils Lake at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey

County Courthouse basement meeting room.

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Douglas C. Friez, State Director